

k -NN and Linear Classifiers, Learning

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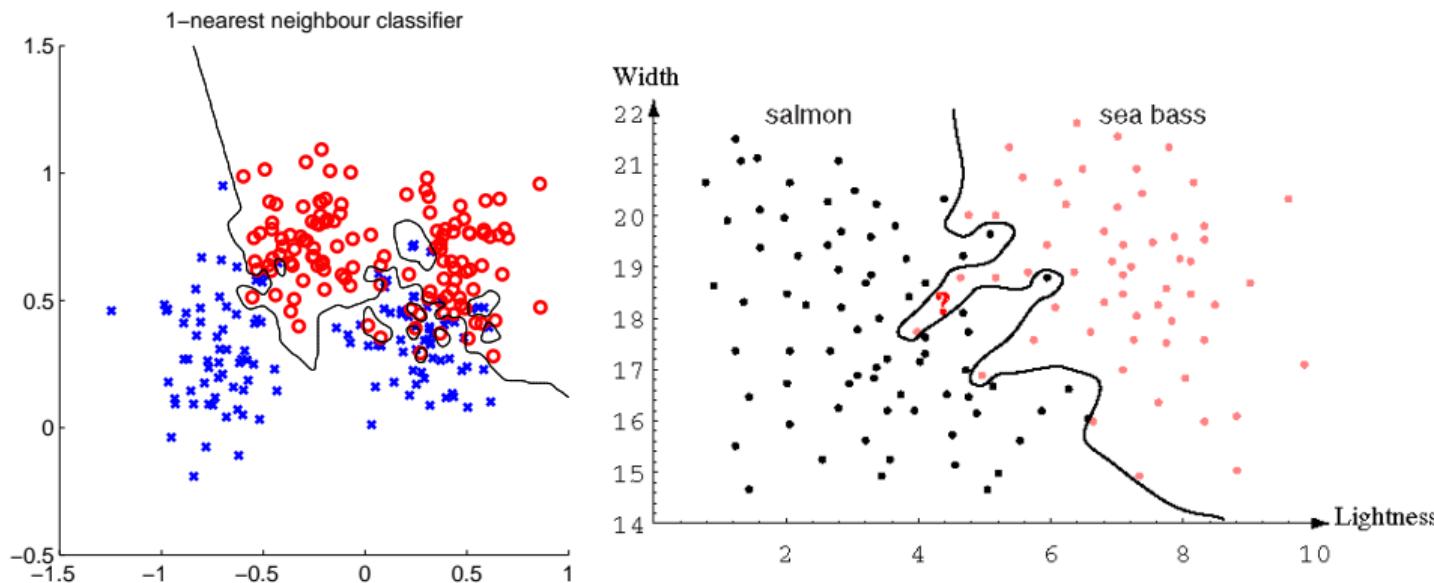
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K-Nearest neighbors classification

For a query \vec{x} :

- ▶ Find K nearest \vec{x} from the training (labeled) data.
- ▶ Classify to the class with the most exemplars in the set above.

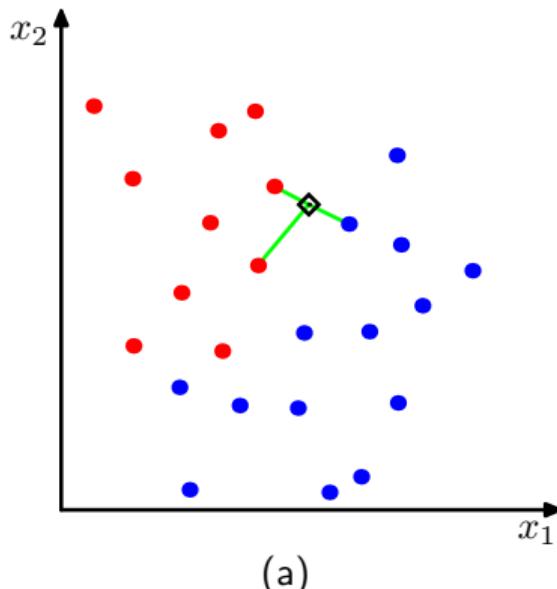


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$k - NN$ for non-parametric density estimation

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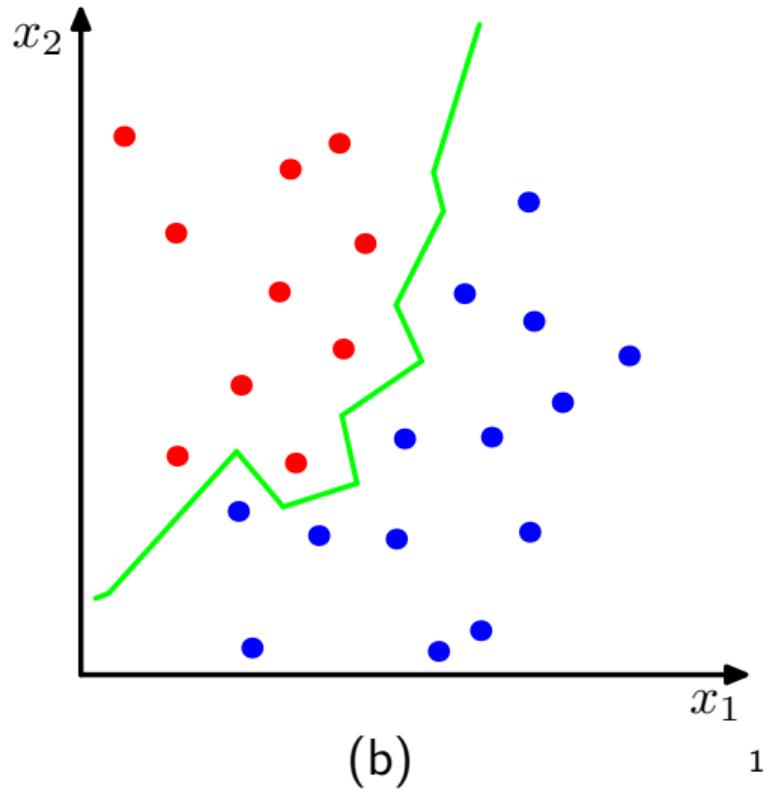
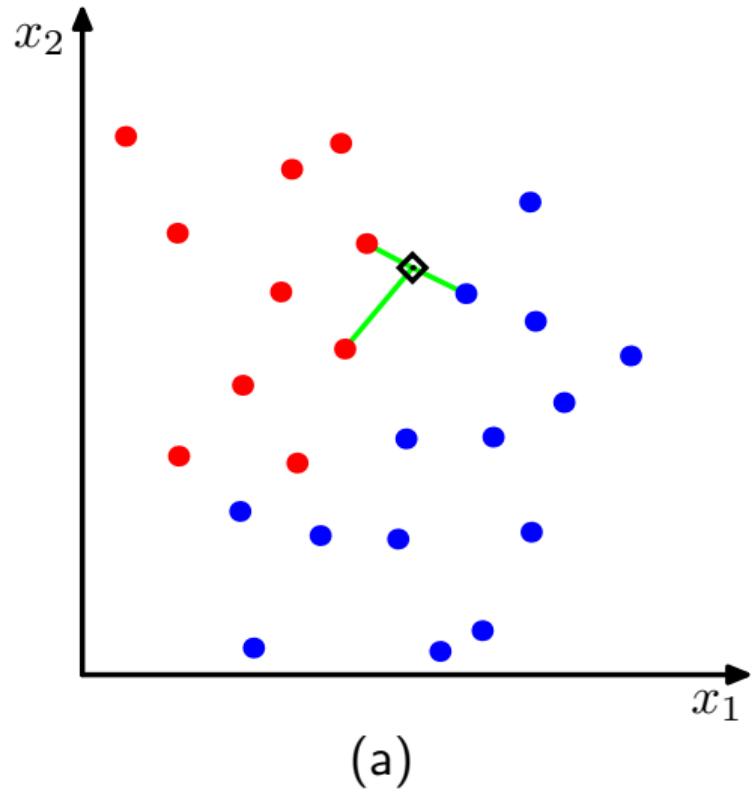
$$V = V_d R_k^d(\vec{x})$$

$R_k(\vec{x})$ - distance from \vec{x} to its k -th nearest neighbour point (radius)

$$V_d = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2 + 1)}$$

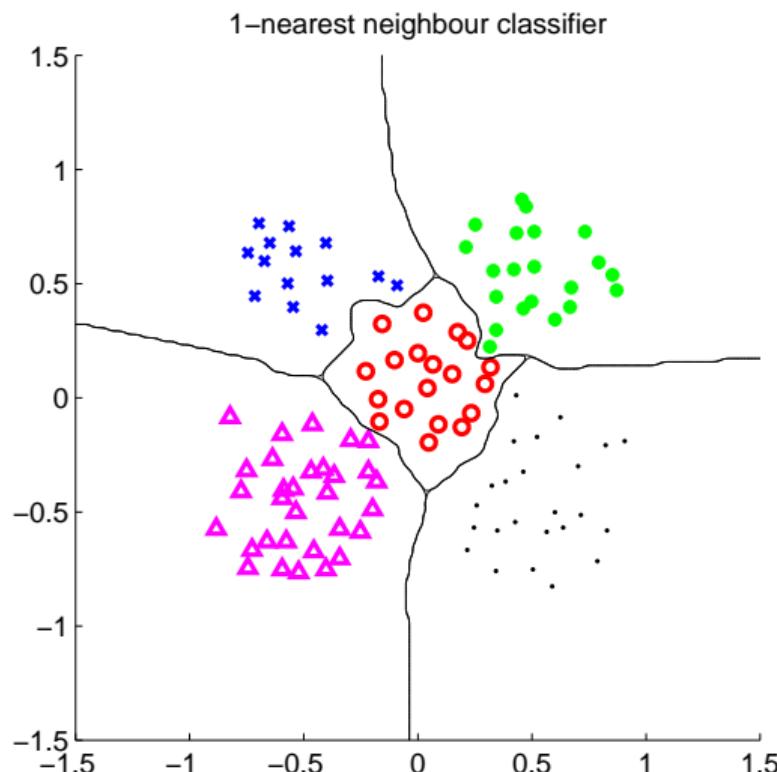
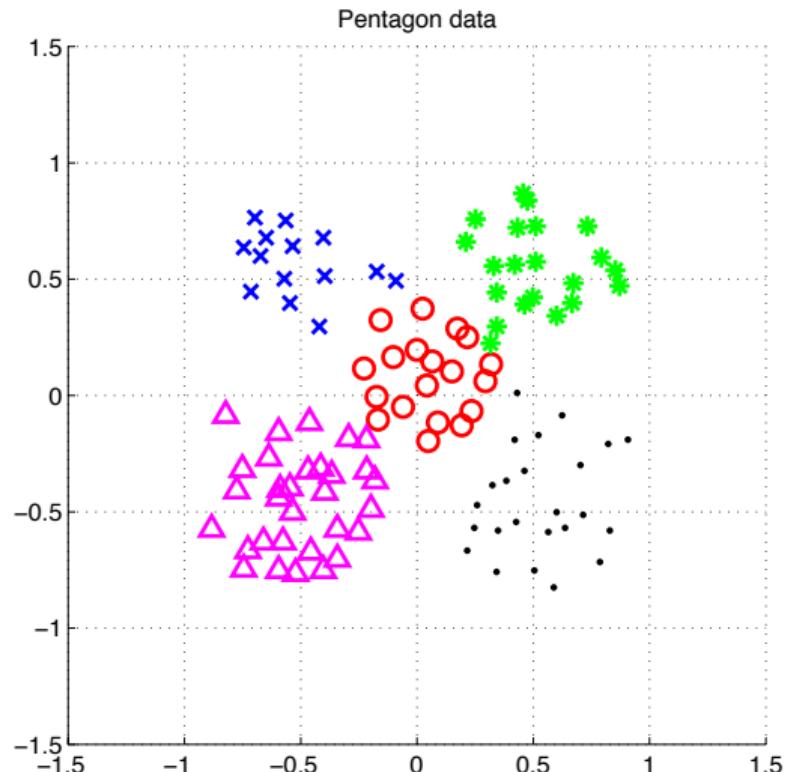
volume of unit d -dimensional sphere, Γ denotes gamma function. $V_1 = 2$, $V_2 = \pi$, $V_3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi$

NN classification example



¹Figs from [1]

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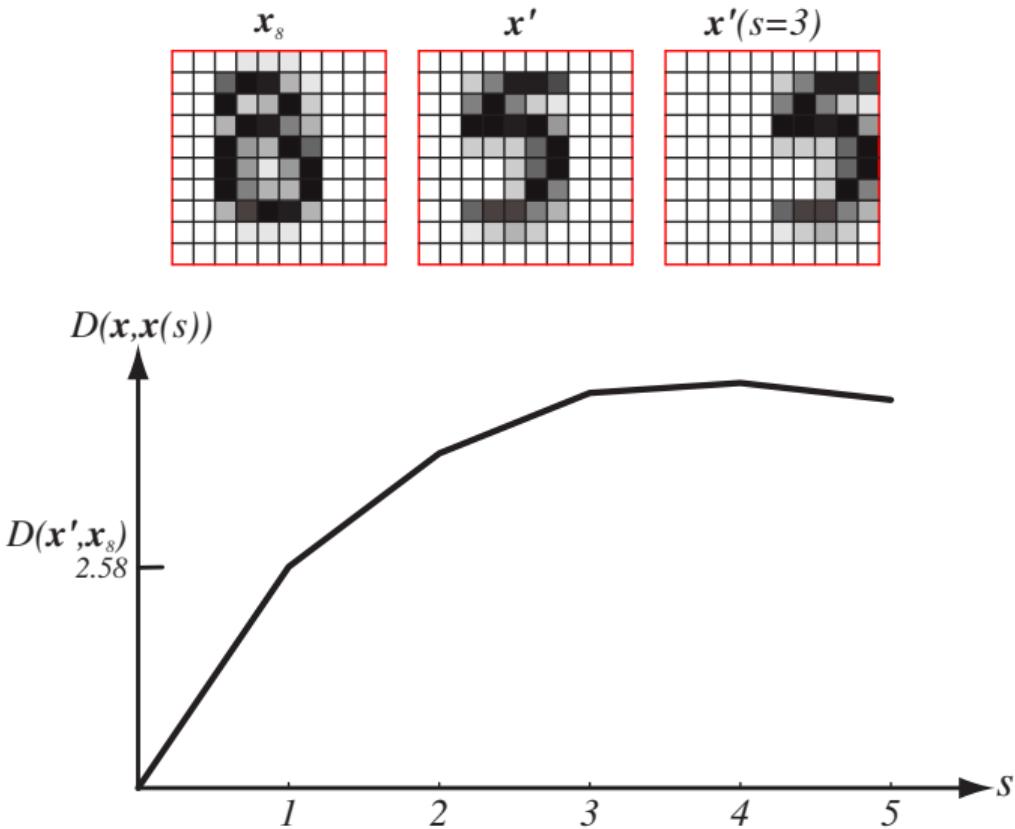
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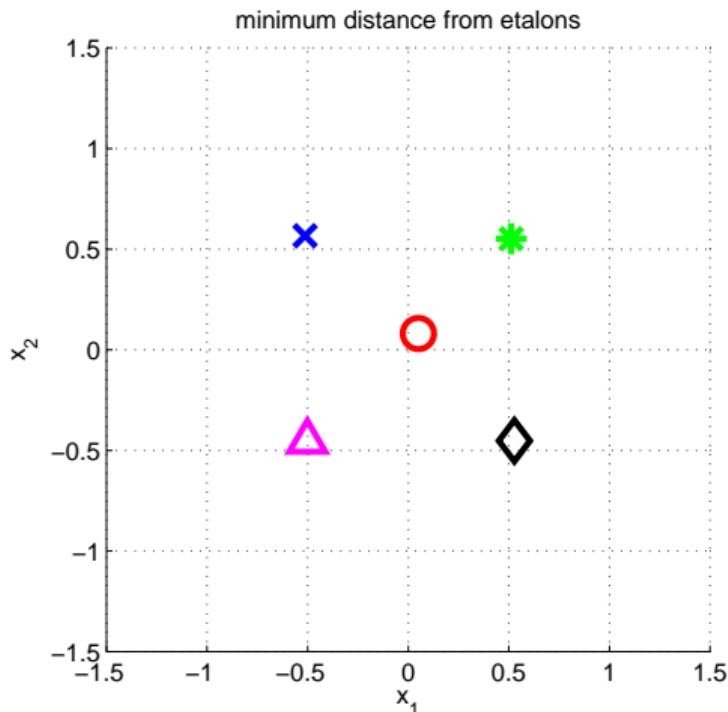
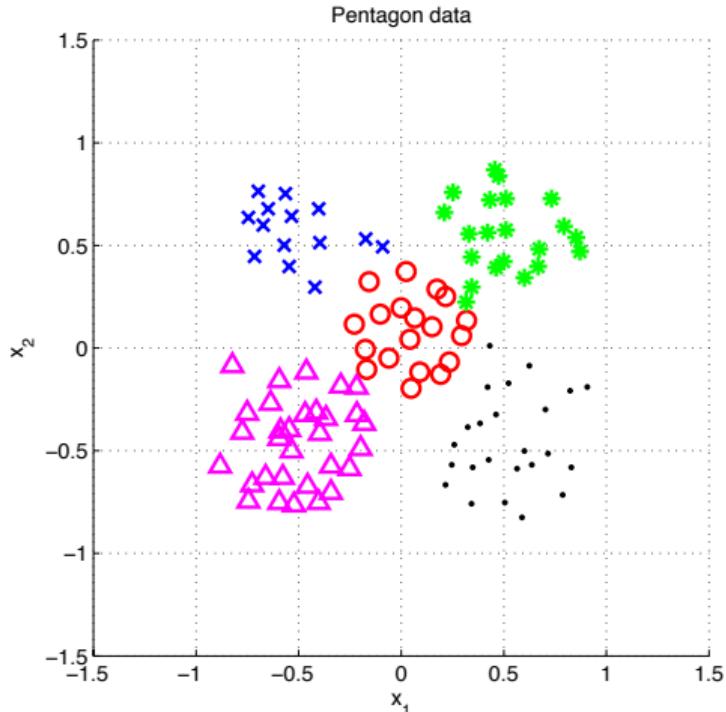
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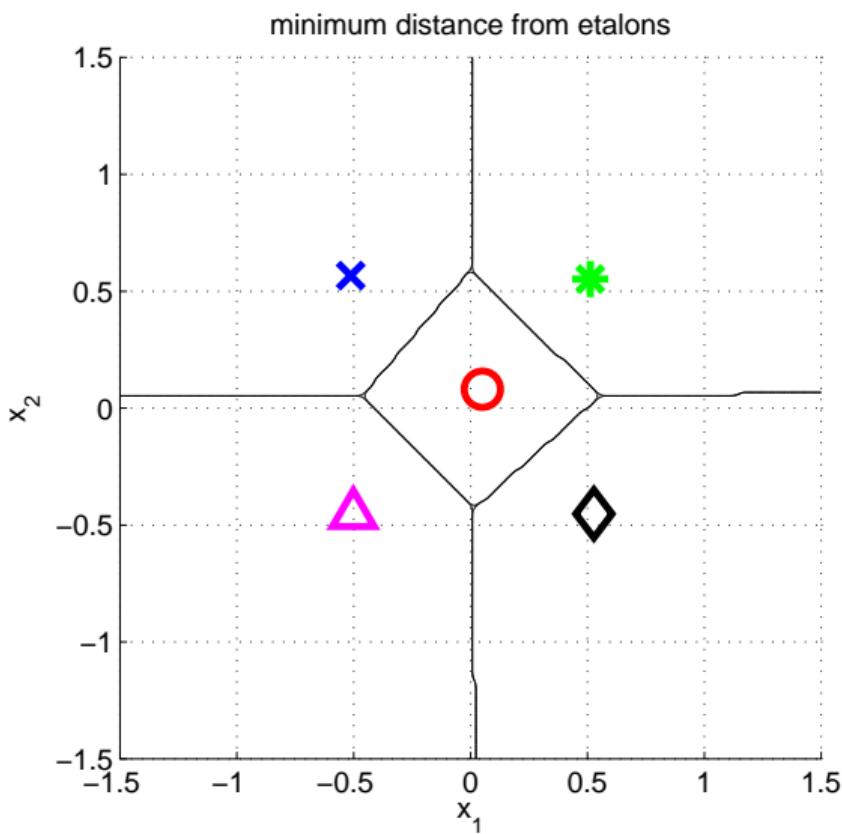
Etalon based classification



Represent \vec{x} by etalon, \vec{e}_s per each class $s \in S$

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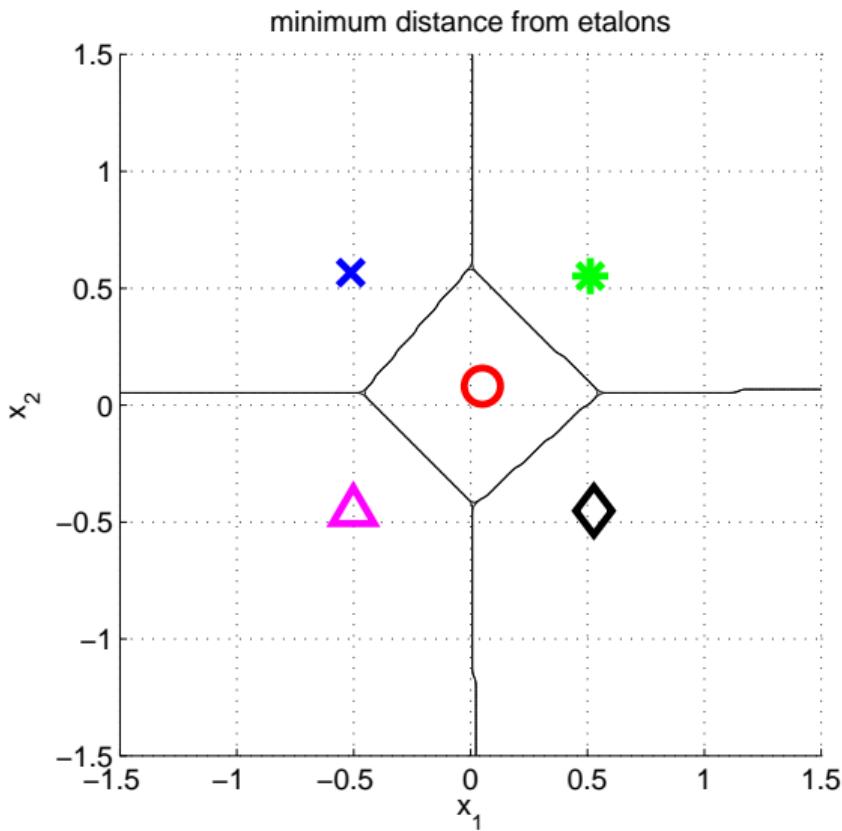


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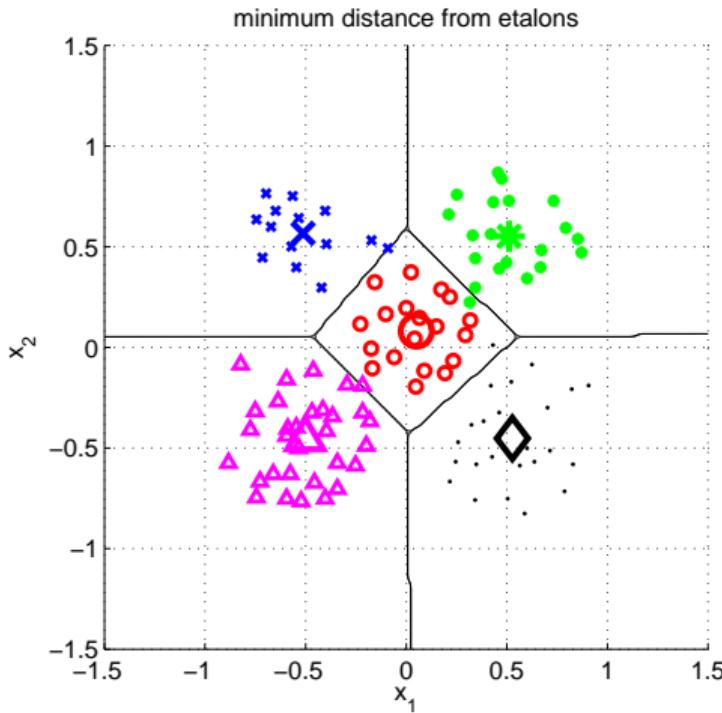
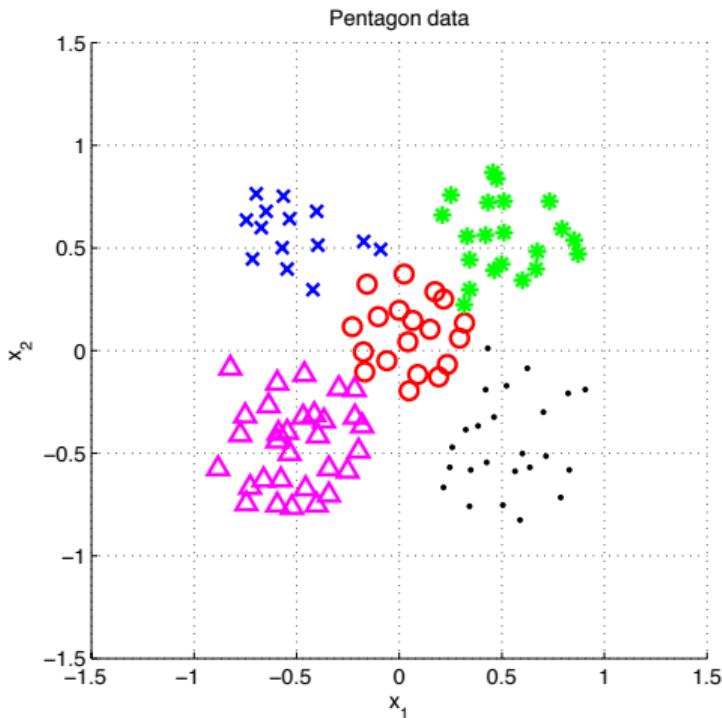
If $\mathcal{N}(\vec{x}|\vec{\mu}, \Sigma)$; all classes same covariance matrices, then

$$\vec{e}_s \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \vec{\mu}_s = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}^s|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{X}^s} \vec{x}_i^s$$

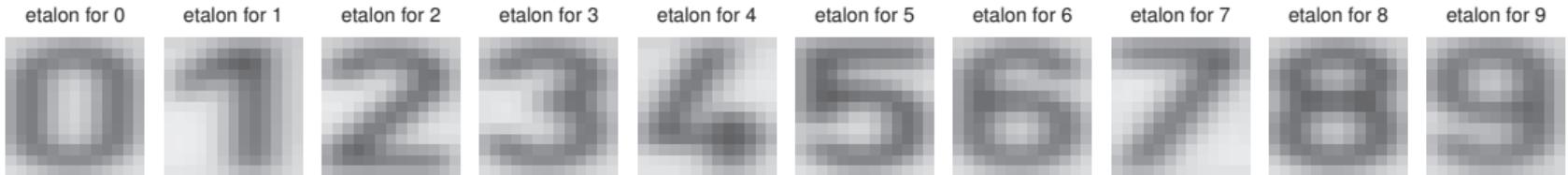
and separating hyperplanes halve distances between pairs.



Etalon based classification, $\vec{e}_s = \vec{\mu}_s$

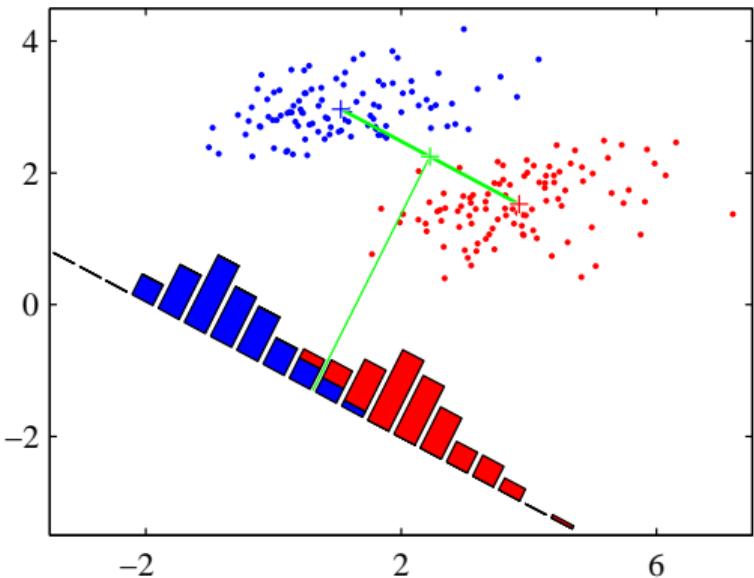


Digit recognition - etalons $\vec{e}_s = \vec{\mu}_s$



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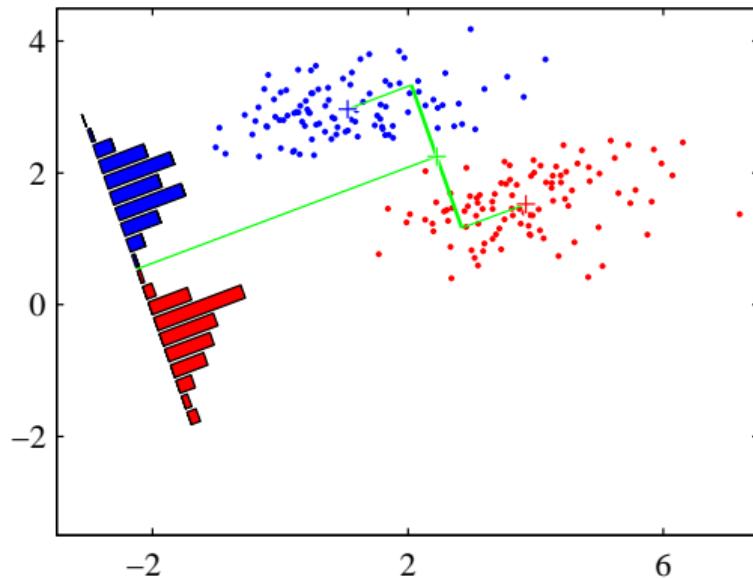
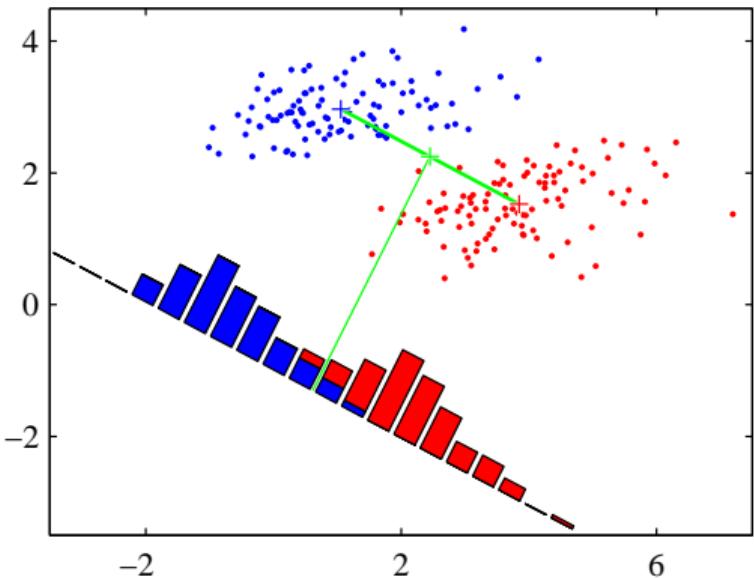
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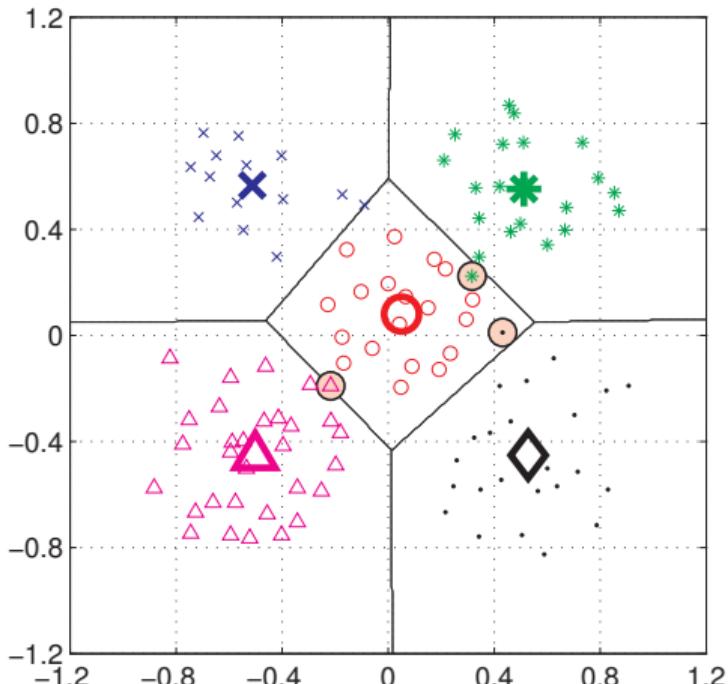


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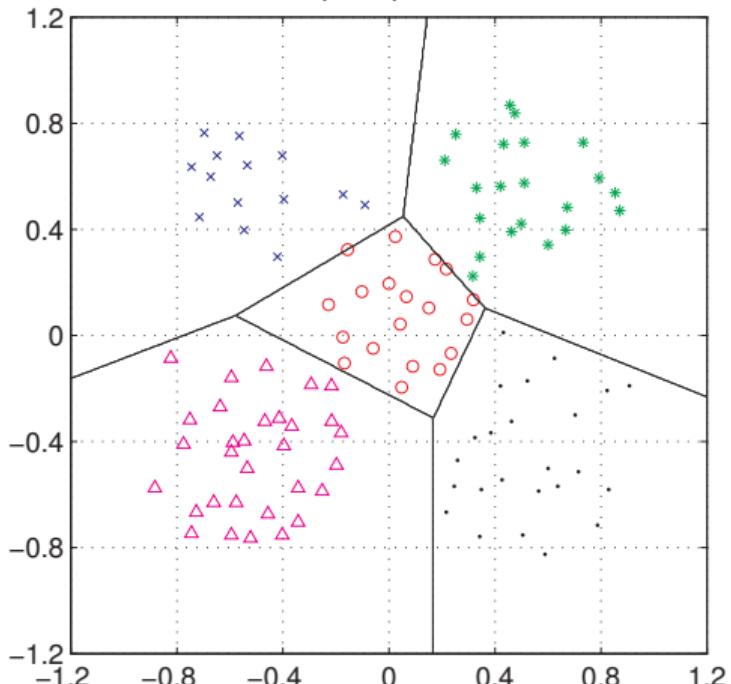
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perceptron



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Etalon classifier – Linear classifier

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Linear function (plus offset)

$$g_s(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_s^\top \mathbf{x} + w_{s0}$$

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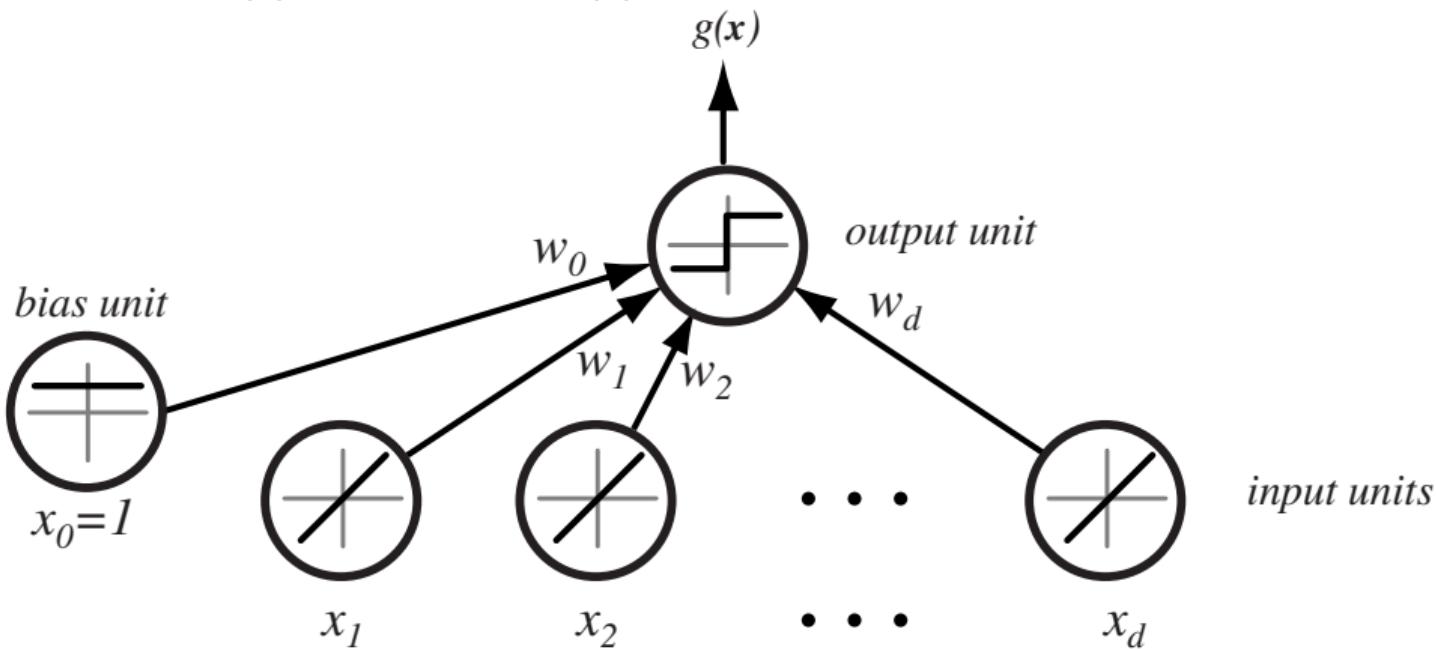
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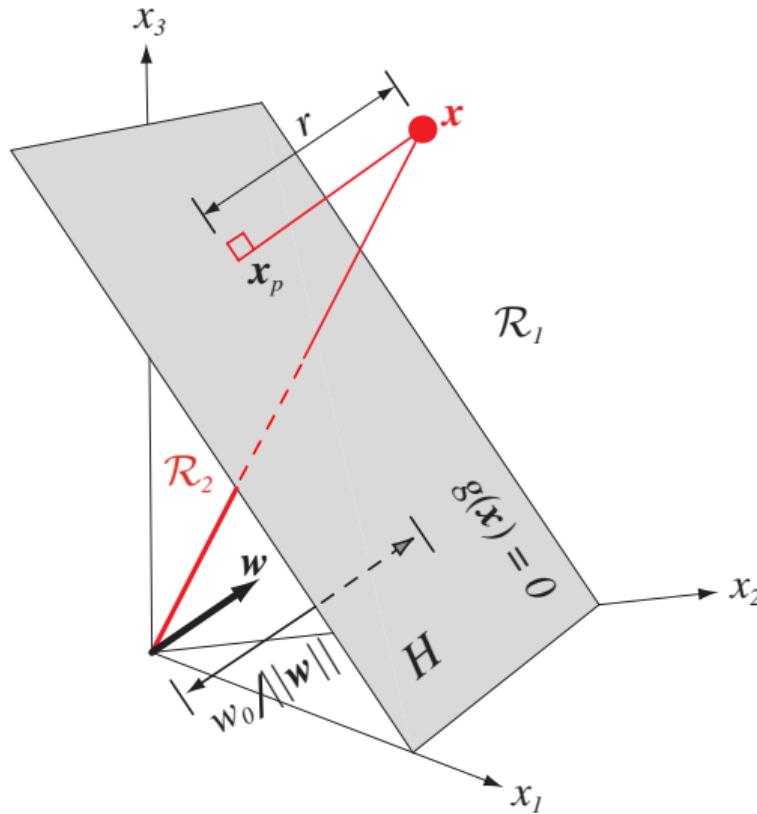
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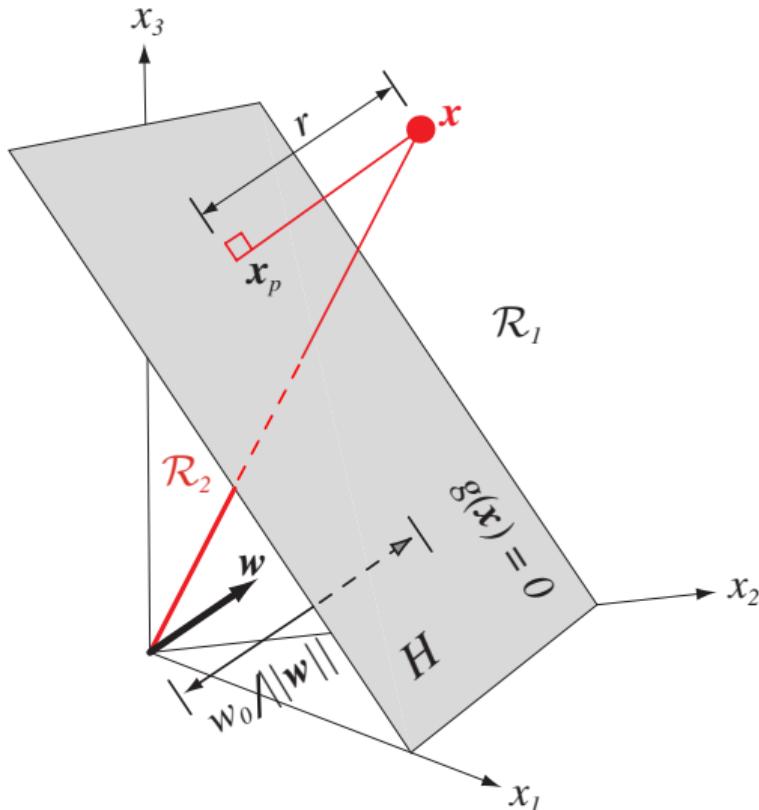
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Separating hyperplane from g_1 and g_2

Etalon classifier, etalons $\vec{\mu}_1, \vec{\mu}_2$

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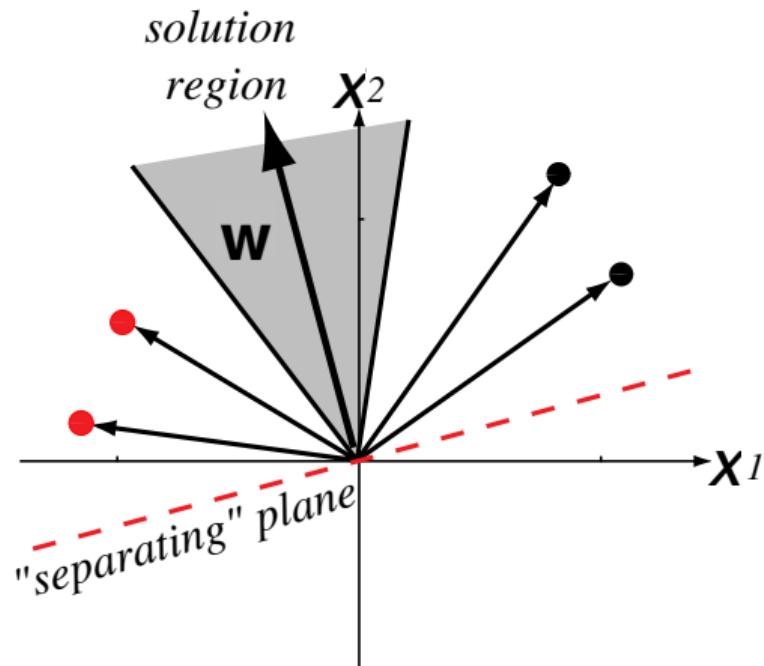
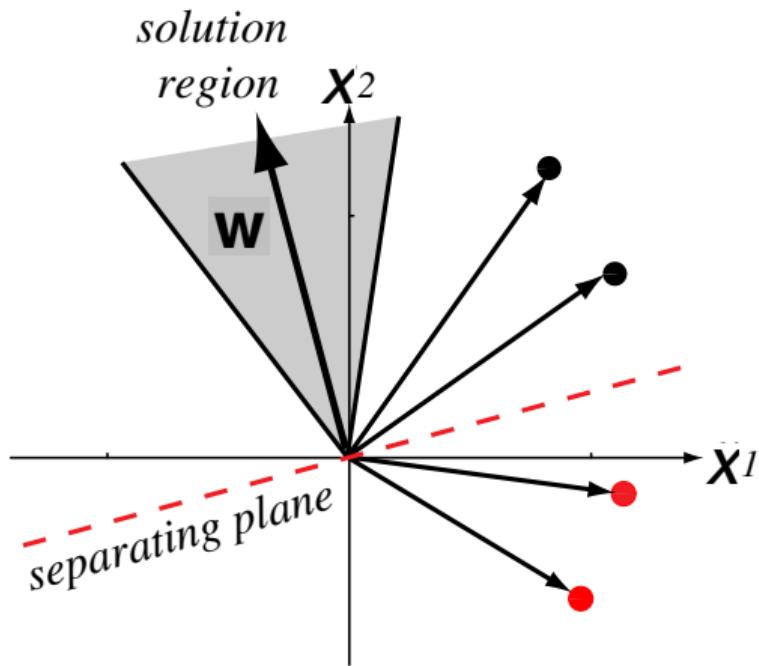
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Solution (graphically)



Four training samples. Left: orginal, Right: sign corrected

Figure from [3] (notation changed)

Learning \mathbf{w} , gradient descent

A criterion to be minimized $J(\mathbf{w})$; assume to be known

Initialize \mathbf{w} , threshold θ , learning rate α

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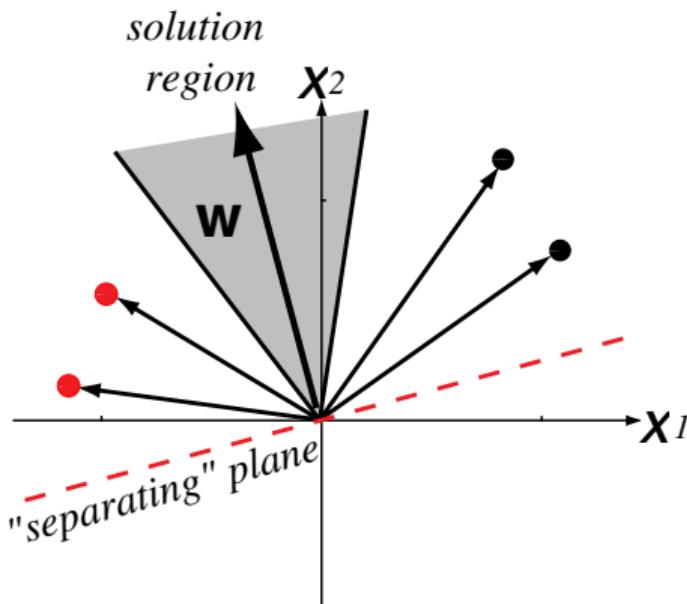
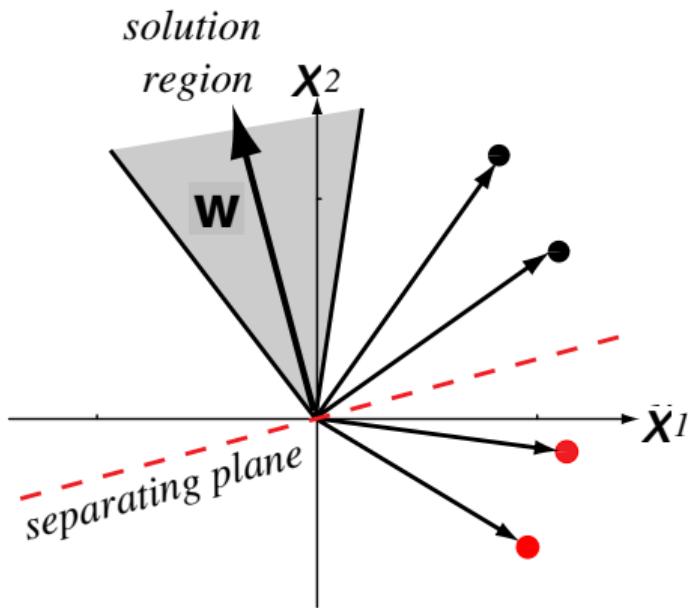
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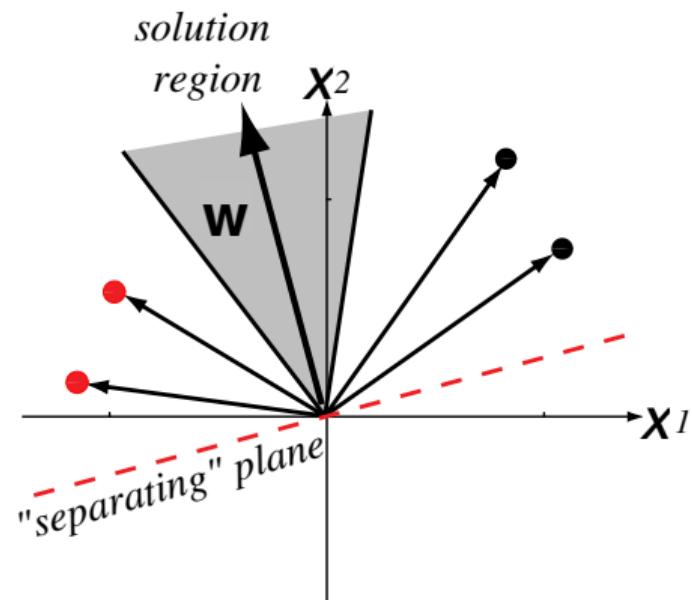
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where \mathcal{X} is a set of missclassified \mathbf{x} .

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} -\mathbf{x}$$



(Batch) Perceptron algorithm

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Fixed-increment single-sample Perceptron

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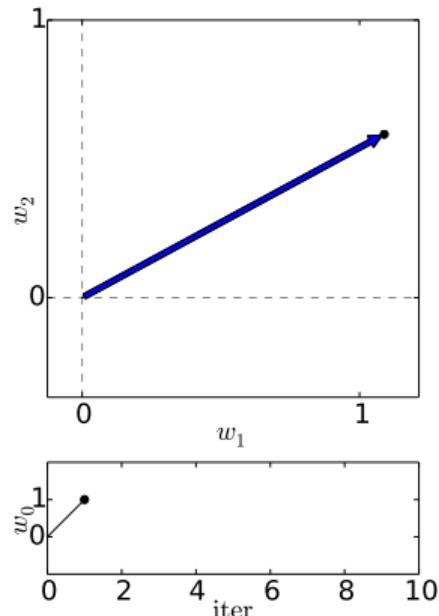
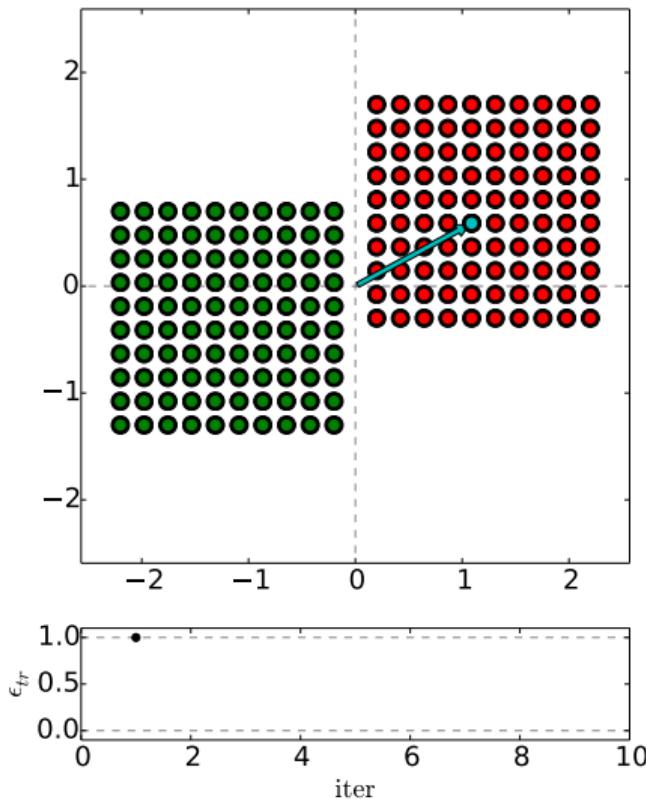
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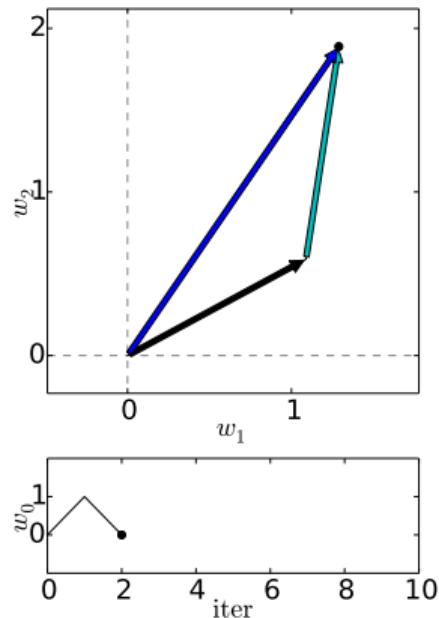
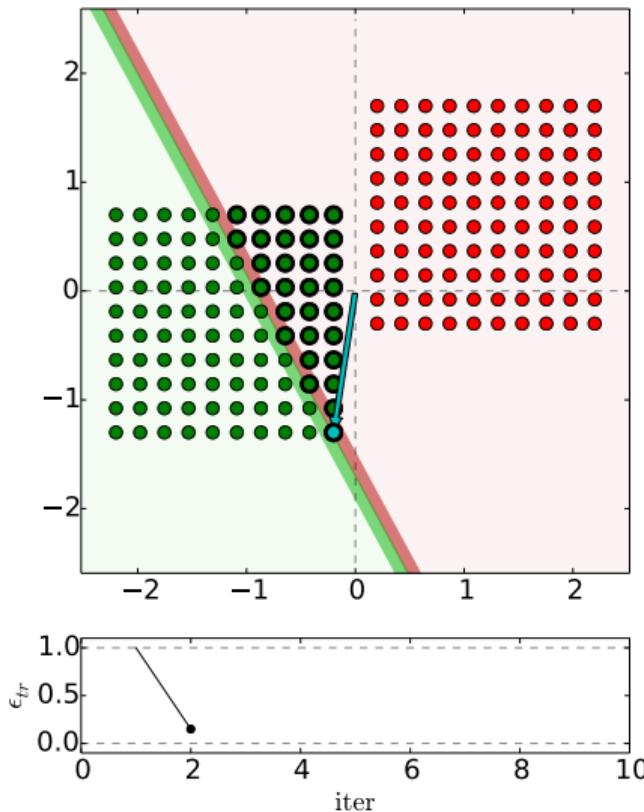
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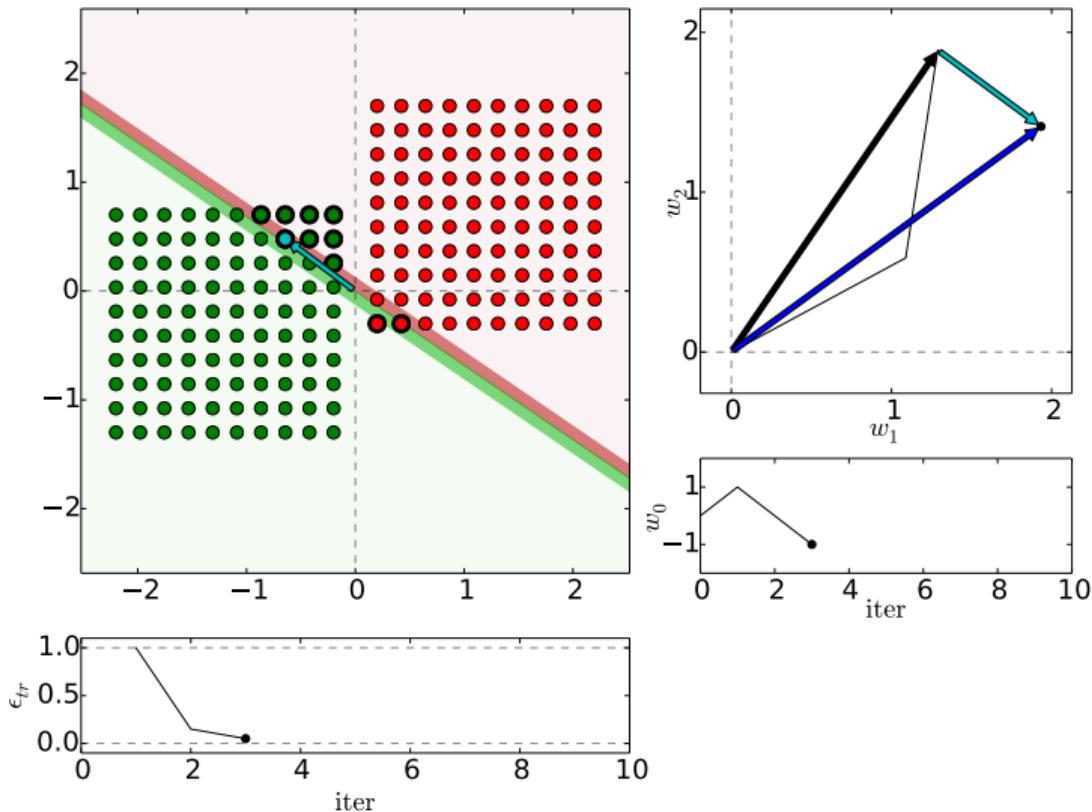
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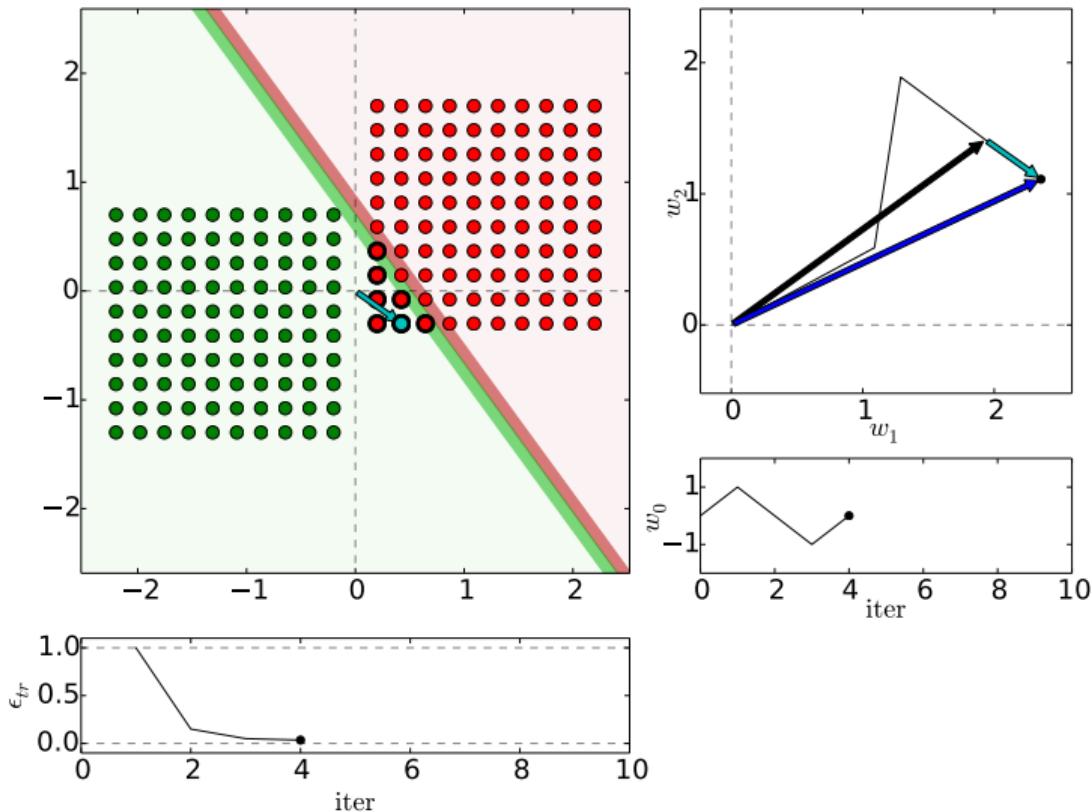
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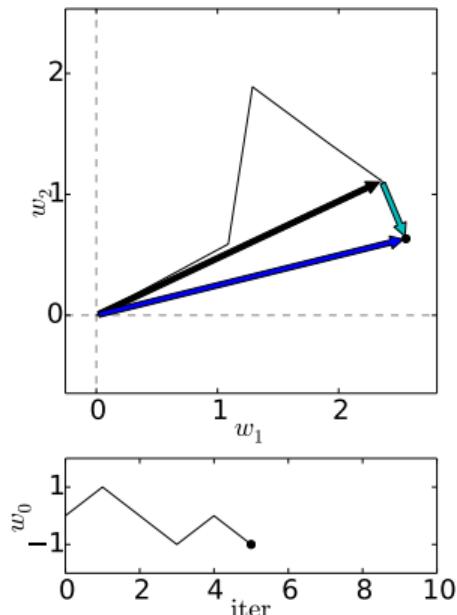
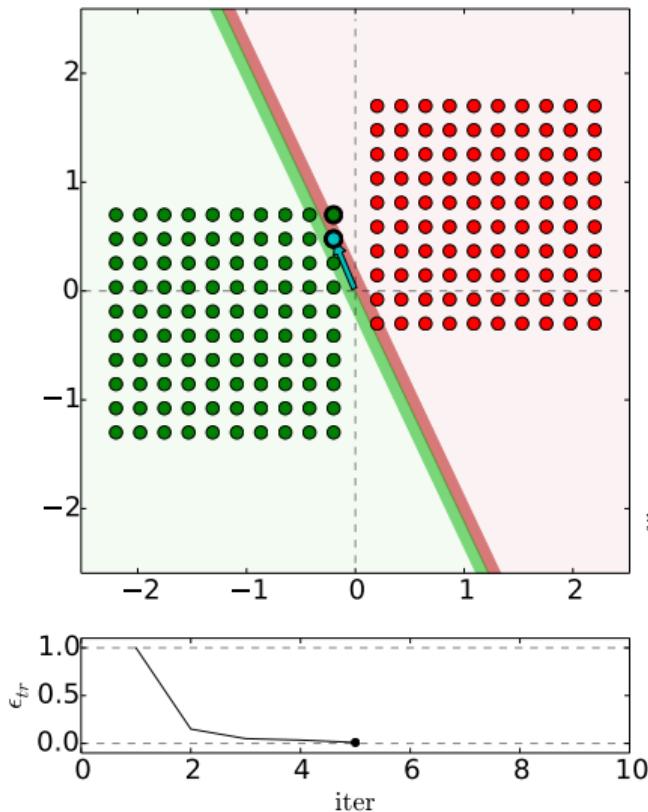
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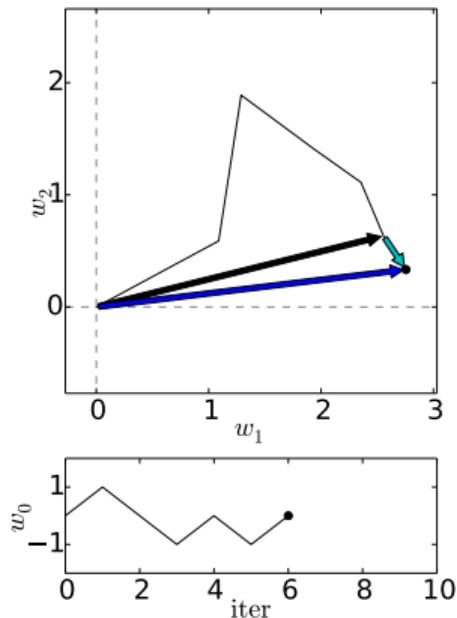
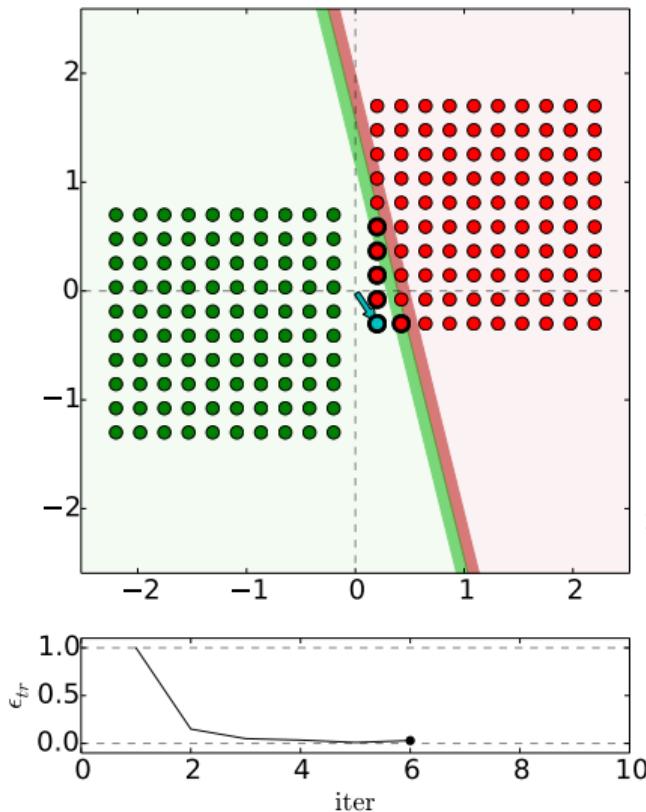
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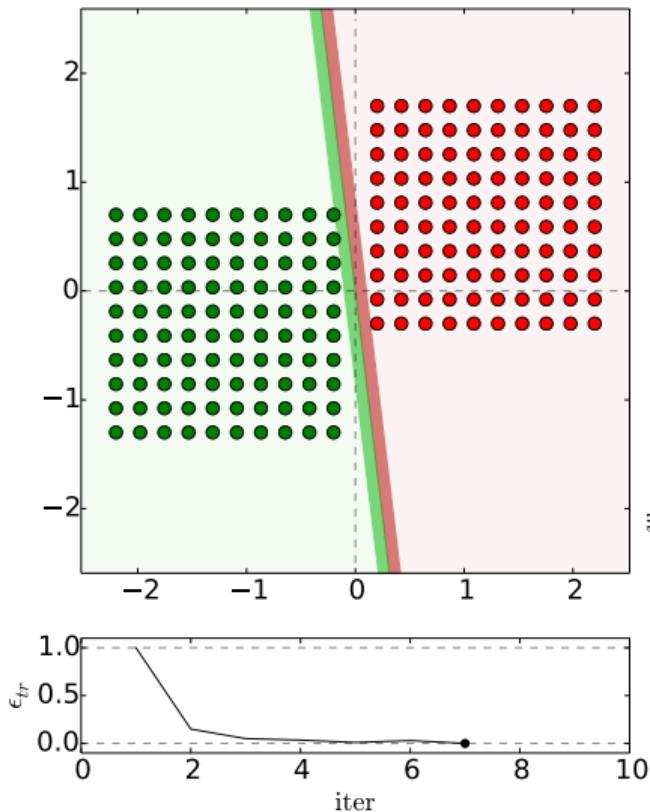
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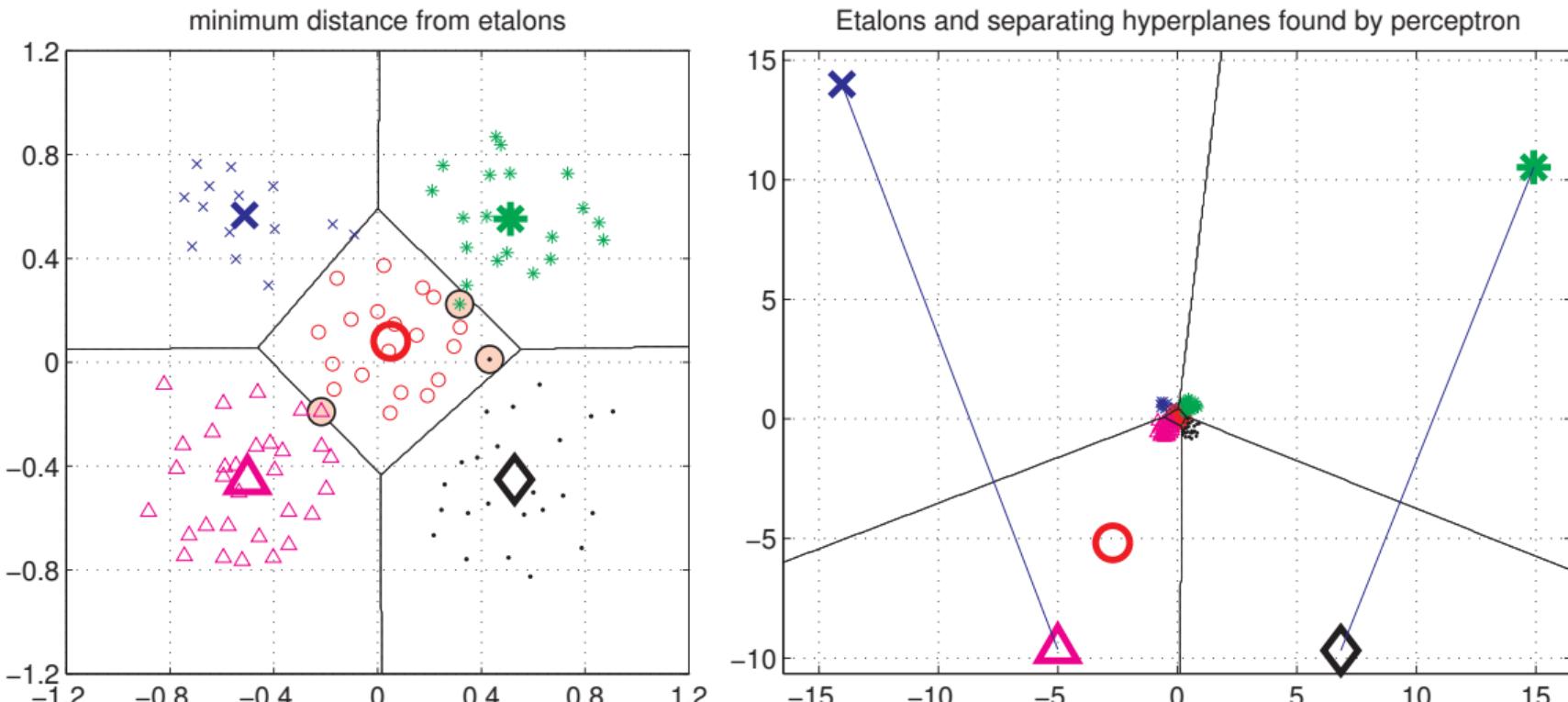
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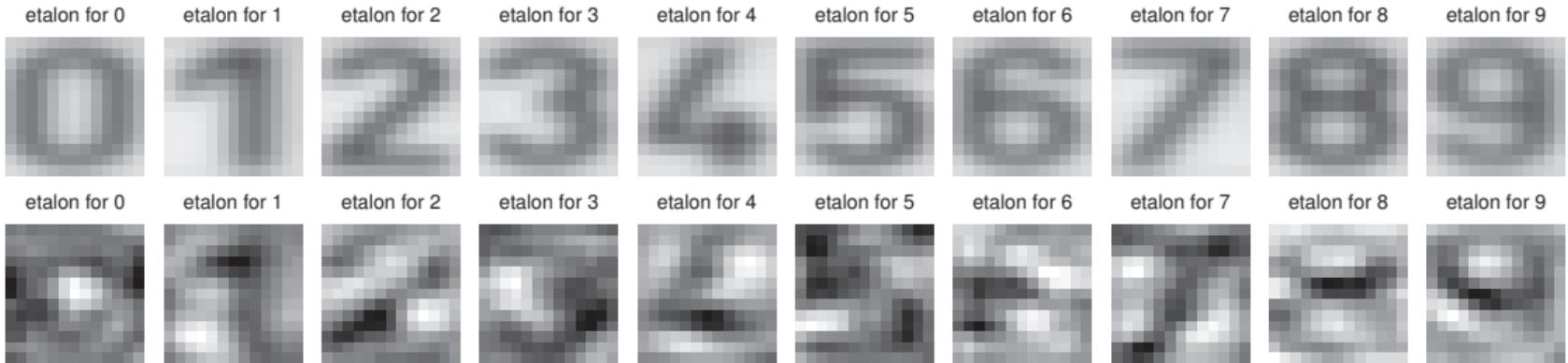
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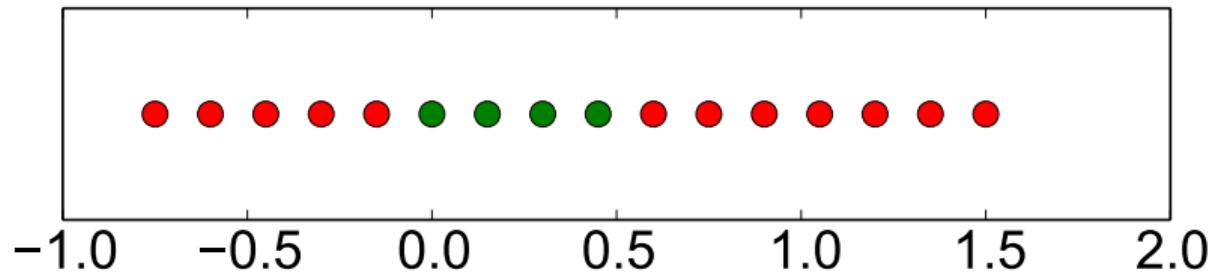
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Digit recognition - etalons means vs. perceptron



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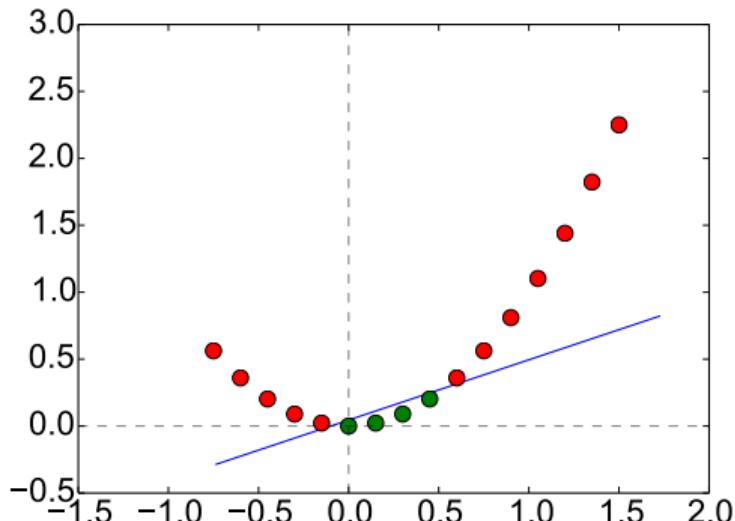
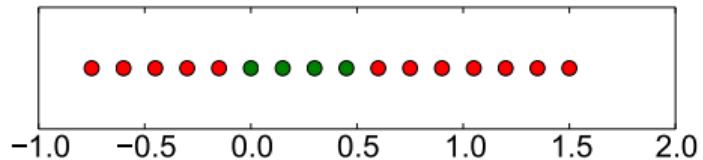
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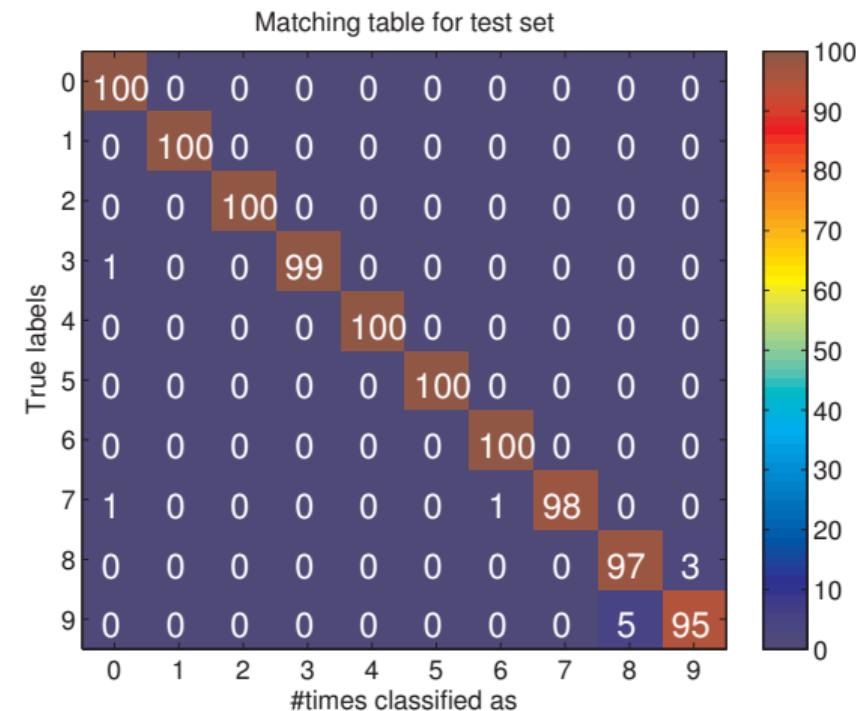
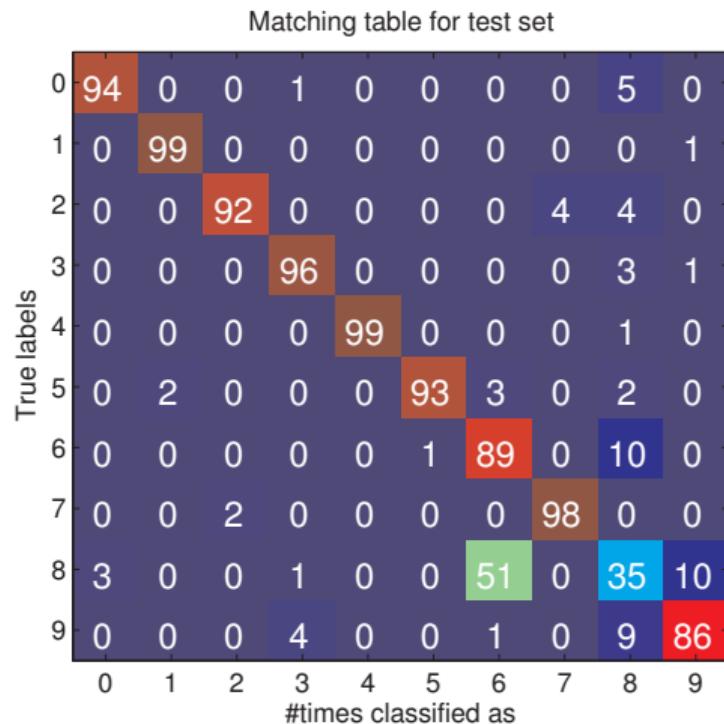
Dimension lifting

$$\mathbf{x} = [x, x^2]^\top$$

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Performance comparison, parameters fixed



Learning and decision

Learning stage - learning models/function/parameters from data.

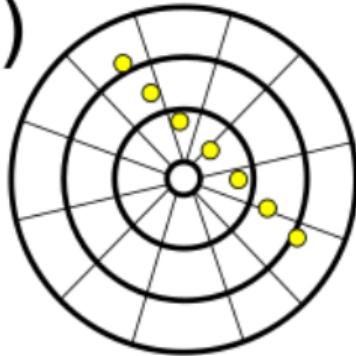
Decision stage - decide about a query \vec{x} .

What to learn?

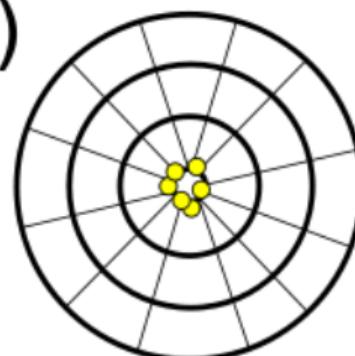
- ▶ **Generative model** : Learn $P(\vec{x}, s)$. Decide by computing $P(s|\vec{x})$.
- ▶ **Discriminative model** : Learn $P(s|\vec{x})$
- ▶ **Discriminant function** : Learn $g(\vec{x})$ which maps \vec{x} directly into class labels.

Accuracy vs precision

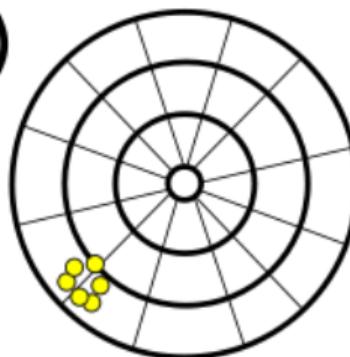
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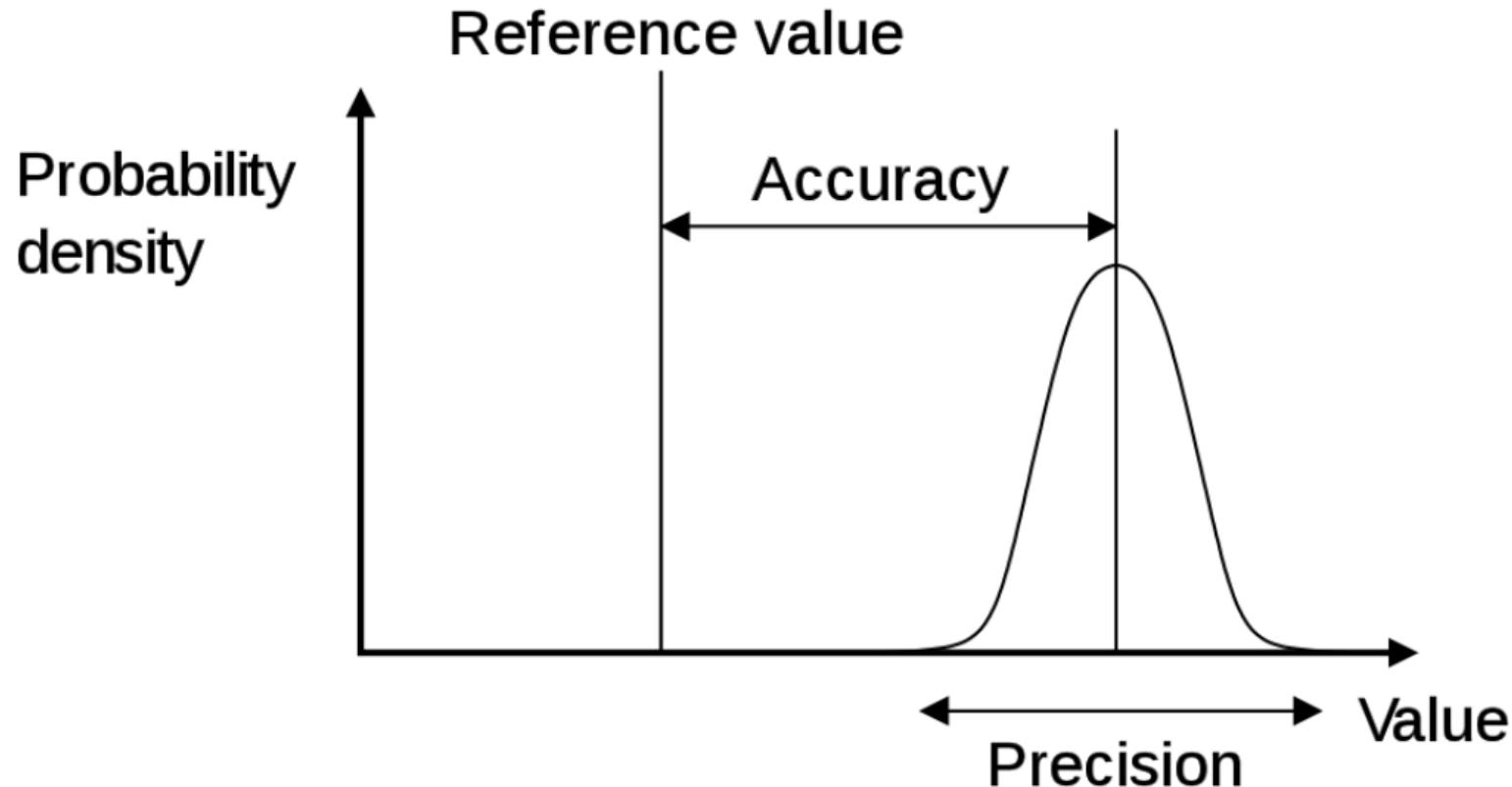
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(c)



Accuracy vs precision



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Further reading: Chapter 18 of [5], or chapter 4 of [1], or chapter 5 of [3]. Many figures created with the help of [4]. You may also play with demo functions from [6].

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